

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A jointing member comprising:  
a grommet; and  
a pin,  
wherein the grommet ~~includes~~ comprises:  
a flange portion; and  
a leg portion capable of being opened, in which an insertion hole is formed  
from a center of the flange portion to an inner portion of the leg portion[, ]and  
an engagement ~~nail~~ portion is formed at an inner surface of the leg portion,  
and  
wherein the pin ~~includes~~ comprises:  
a head portion; and  
a shaft portion to be inserted into the insertion hole, in which an engagement  
surface and a lock surface each engaging with the engagement ~~nails~~ portion are formed at the  
shaft portion.
2. (Currently Amended) The jointing member according to claim 1, wherein in a state  
where the engagement ~~nail~~ portion formed at the leg portion of the grommet engages with the  
engagement surface formed at the shaft portion of the pin, the pin is movable in ~~its~~ a drawing  
out direction within the insertion hole of the grommet.
3. (Currently Amended) The jointing member according to claim 1, wherein the  
engagement ~~nail~~ portion formed at the leg portion of the grommet engages with the lock  
surface formed at the leg portion of the shaft portion as the engagement ~~nail~~ portion moves  
along the lock surface while maintaining ~~the~~ an opened state of the leg portion of the

grommet.

4. (Currently Amended) The jointing member according to claim 2, wherein the engagement ~~naïl~~ portion formed at the leg portion of the grommet engages with the lock surface formed at the leg portion of the shaft portion as the engagement ~~naïl~~ portion moves along the lock surface while maintaining ~~the~~ an opened state of the leg portion of the grommet.

5. (Currently Amended) The jointing member according to claim 1, wherein in a state where the engagement ~~naïl~~ portion formed at the leg portion of the grommet engages with the engagement surface formed at the shaft portion of the pin, a tip end of the shaft portion of the pin is buried within the insertion hole of the grommet.

6. (Currently Amended) The jointing member according to claim 2, wherein in a state where the engagement ~~naïl~~ portion formed at the leg portion of the grommet engages with the engagement surface formed at the shaft portion of the pin, a tip end of the shaft portion of the pin is buried within the insertion hole of the grommet.

7. (Currently Amended) The jointing member according to claim 3, wherein in a state where the engagement ~~naïl~~ portion formed at the leg portion of the grommet engages with the engagement surface formed at the shaft portion of the pin, a tip end of the shaft portion of the pin is buried within the insertion hole of the grommet.

8. (Currently Amended) The jointing member according to claim 4, wherein in a state where the engagement ~~naïl~~ portion formed at the leg portion of the grommet engages with the engagement surface formed at the shaft portion of the pin, a tip end of the shaft portion of the

pin is buried within the insertion hole of the grommet.

9. (Currently Amended) A jointing member comprising:

a grommet; and

a pin,

wherein the grommet ~~includes~~ comprises:

a flange portion; and

a leg portion capable of being opened, in which an insertion hole is formed from a center of the flange portion to an inner portion of the leg portion, and

an engagement ~~nail~~ portion is formed at an inner surface of the leg portion,

wherein the pin ~~includes~~ comprises:

a head portion; and

a shaft portion to be inserted into the insertion hole, in which an engagement surface and a lock surface each engaging with the engagement ~~nails~~ portion are formed at the shaft portion,

wherein the flange portion of the grommet ~~has~~ comprises:

a large-diameter portion of the insertion hole[,];

an engagement hole in a position where a bottom portion of the large-diameter portion is adjacent[,]; and

an extending portion which is extended to form a pin hole portion whose diameter is smaller than that of the large-diameter portion in a free state on a side of a tip ~~where~~ that is far from the flange portion,

wherein the shaft portion ~~has~~ comprises:

an engagement surface which holds the engagement ~~nail~~ portion displaced to a circumference direction to keep the flange portion of the grommet in an opened state, in a state that the pin is incorporated into the grommet, in parallel with a center line of the shaft

portion and in a direction of the center line of the shaft portion for a predetermined length, and ~~has~~ includes a lock surface which protrudes in a circumference direction in a tip of the shaft portion so as to prevent the engagement ~~naïl~~ portion from falling away from the engagement surface to shift to a state that a diameter of the leg portion becomes small, and wherein the engagement ~~naïl~~ portion of the grommet, and the engagement surface of the pin and lock surface are relatively provided in a shaft direction at a position where the grommet and the pin are enabled to slide for a predetermined distance in a state that the grommet and the pin are incorporated to ~~be~~ have the leg portion opened.

10. (Currently Amended) The jointing member according to claim 9, wherein the tip of the shaft portion of the pin, which is provided with the lock surface, is surrounded with the extending portion of each of the leg portions of the grommet in a state that the grommet and the pin are incorporated to ~~be~~ have the leg portions opened, and is inside the tip hole portion of the grommet.

11. (Currently Amended) The jointing member according to claim 9, wherein the predetermined distance that the grommet and the pin are enabled to slide is comprises 0.5 mm to 2 mm.

12. (New) The jointing member according to claim 1, wherein said engagement portion comprises a protruding portion extending from the inner surface of said leg portion.

13. (New) The jointing member according to claim 1, further comprising:

a plurality of slits extending along said leg portion of said grommet to divide said leg portion into a plurality of leg portion pieces.

14. (New) The jointing member according to claim 1, wherein said engagement portion is formed on an inner surface of an expanded tip end side of said leg portion.

15. (New) The jointing member according to claim 1, further comprising:  
at least one tool insertion groove extending in a radial direction and being formed on an upper surface of said flange portion.

16. (New) The jointing member according to claim 15, wherein said at least one tool insertion groove comprises a plurality of tool insertion grooves.

17. (New) The jointing member according to claim 13, further comprising:  
a projection, for provisional engagement with a portion of a rib wall, being formed at an edge of said insertion hole on each of said slits on a side of said slits adjacent to said flange portion.

18. (New) The jointing member according to claim 17, further comprising:  
a plurality of rib walls for engaging said plurality of slits formed on an outer periphery of said shaft portion.

19. (New) The jointing member according to claim 18, wherein at least one of said plurality of rib walls comprises:  
a bent arm portion formed along said plurality of rib walls.

20. (New) The jointing member according to claim 18, further comprising:  
a rib wall engagement projection formed along each of said plurality of rib walls, wherein said provisional engagement projection is engaged between said bent arm

portion and said rib wall engagement projection.